

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

July 20, 2007

Message from County Executive Walker

Summer is prime time for the parks.

I was out at Brown Deer Park this week and the PGA folks said that the course looks outstanding for the US Bank Championship. Last week, I was at South Shore Park for the South Shore Frolics and it looked great. Cathedral Square was all set for Bastille Days, too.

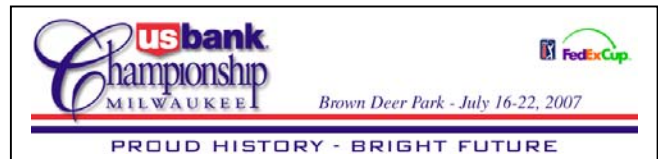
This week, I've been by Whitnall, Veterans and Washington parks. They all look good. Thanks to our staff for taking care of our 15,000 acres of parkland at more than 150 parks and parkways.

A few weeks ago, the Parks Department submitted a budget request for 2008 that included some dramatic changes in staffing. My final proposal for the budget does not come out until the end of September, so we will spend a great deal of time looking at this and other proposals.

Still, it is interesting to see the creative ideas included in the budget proposals. Sue Black and her team want to use more seasonals to replace year-round, full-time employees. They would give them extensive training and propose using new equipment to help the seasonal staff keep the parks looking as good as or better than ever.

Check out www.countyparks.com for more information on all of the exciting things happening in your parks system. Enjoy our proud tradition.

Scott



County Executive Walker joined Tournament Director Dan Croak and Gus Gnorski of Fox6 (pictured above) at the opening of the US Bank Championship, taking place through Sunday, July 22 at Brown Deer Golf Course. Spectators enjoy the floating green and a chance to win golf prizes. More information can be found at www.usbankchampionship.com.

Senior Dining Sites



Walker joins seniors at College Court for lunch and discussion on county issues

Holz Chevrolet 50th Anniversary



County Executive Walker presented a proclamation to Jerry Holz, owner of Holz Motors, in celebration of his 50th Anniversary as Dealer Principal. The business began 93 years ago.

Parks Fertilizer Testing

Applications of tainted fertilizer at four parks through the use of Milorganite provided by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) resulted in warning signs being placed at Sheridan, Kulwicki, Madison and Grant parks. The sewerage district received test results showing elevated levels of chemicals known as PCBs and is working with the parks department to restore the areas to acceptable standards. The Parks Department is a client of MMSD and remains in close contact with them to resolve the situation. Any health-related inquiries can be directed to the hotline set up by the City of Milwaukee Health Department at (414) 286-3616. Maps of affected areas can be found at www.countyparks.com.

Walker Attends Welcome Home



Returning soldiers from the Wisconsin Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 121st Field Artillery Unit were greeted by the County Executive at Delphi Corporation in Oak Creek Thursday. A second wave returns on Sunday. The Military Order of the Purple Heart is hosting a benefit Brat Fry Sunday. Donations to their Troop Reintegration Program can be sent to : 121st Reintegration Fund, Military Order of the Purple Heart – Michelle M. Witmer #96, 3949 East Mallory Avenue, Cudahy, WI 53110.

Walker Participates in Community Events



County Executive Walker greets parade-goers at the South Shore Frolic parade on Saturday (above) and kicked off the 30th Anniversary of Festa Italiana that goes through Sunday at the Henry Meier Festival Grounds at the lakefront.